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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To whom it may concern:

Before the public commentary period expires, I would like to, as a U.S. citizen, state my concern about the Microsoft Proposed Settlement. In your settlement, you leave what appears to be many loopholes that can allow Microsoft to continue to practice anti-competition in its current markets.

Two points I would like to make:

1. You fail to consider -- if it is possible -- markets that Microsoft has entered that do not include its operating systems divisions. Microsoft has exerted undue influence on markets including peripheral hardware, gaming machines, handheld devices (software), etc. Although you speak about IHVs, I think the hardware aspect of the settlement needs to be fully explained and clarified.
2. The discussion about versioning is ridiculously open to interpretation and further work around by Microsoft. You talk of Major revisions being whole numbered and Minor revision being numbers followed by the decimal. However, did you ever fathom that they could use a different versioning scheme. Windows 2000 ring a bell? Although it has a 5.00 version. What if they move to another scheme? What provisions does this settlement provide to cover this loophole?

Lastly, I would like to thank you for your efforts in inacting these restrictions on Microsoft. I feel that they've gone too long under pretenses of unfair competition.

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Thank you,

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